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On October 9, 1980, the University of Maryland School of Law dedicated its new library in honor of Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall. A product of Baltimore, Justice Marshall has expanded the nation's awareness of the need for humanitarian considerations in the practice and interpretation of law. Justice Marshall's insistence on justice and just-ness for all has marked his progression as lawyer, litigator, legal philosopher, and Supreme Court Justice. It would be difficult to name another individual in recent generations whose work has had as great an impact on American law and life. It is more appropriate than ironic that Justice Marshall, denied admission to this law school in an era lacking the present consciousness that is so much the result of his force and foresight, should have his name associated with the study of law to which he has devoted his life.

The articles in this tribute speak of the greatness of the Justice and his work, of Marshall the man, the lawyer, the Justice. Mr. Justice Brennan, in his dedicatory address given at the opening of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library, notes Justice Marshall's unique perspective on American jurisprudence, which has so greatly influenced the courts of this country. Judge Skelly Wright remembers his own and Marshall's early days, and the growth of the judicial awareness of racial injustice. Judge Louis Pollak writes of Marshall's efforts and achievements as lawyer and Justice. Professor Owen Fiss shares personal recollections and reflections, gleaned from his experience as Marshall's clerk, of Marshall as a person and as a judge. Professor Mark Tushnet adds a scholarly dimension, tracing Marshall's efforts and impact in the pre-*Brown* litigation efforts to end educational segregation. Each of these distinguished authors writes of the unique and timeless contributions of Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall, whom the University of Maryland School of Law is proud to honor.